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Office Action Summary

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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/13/04
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☐ Claim(s) 1, 5, 7, 31-39 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 34-39 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 7, 31-33 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1 7.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

Amendment of 2/13/04 has been entered. Claims 1, 5, 7 and 31-39 are pending.
Claims 1, 5, 7 and 31-39 are under examination.

The amendment has entered no new matter.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The amendment has overcome previously stated issues in the action mailed 10/6/03 as follows:

The prior art rejections based upon Landry et al, Lipford et al, Graziano et al and Russell-Jones et al.

Upon further consideration claims 1 and 31, with the limits of claim 6 incorporated therein, are not deemed patentable. New grounds of rejection follow.

Claims 1, 5, 7 and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grieve et al (6,060, 281) in view of Landry et al (WO 99/6061).

Landry et al have been previously cited (actions of 1/14/03 and 10/6/03) for teaching the general concept of providing altered proteins which have a modified T-cell epitope. They teach that one would be motivated to modify the T-cell epitopes of proteins used in vaccines in order to increase immunogenicity of the vaccine, by either providing for more immunogenic CD4+ or CD8+ T-cell epitopes (page 32, lines 19-27).

Grieve et al (6,060,281) teach that phospholipases from parasitic helminthes are desirable proteins to be used as the immunogenic components of vaccines. For example, see col.4, lines 32-53; col.12, line 59-col.13, line 9; col.27, lines 28-50. Grieve et al teach that when administered, it is desirable to induce both humoral (B-cell) and

cellular (T-cell) responses (col.29, lines 13-24). In any event Landry et al teach that one would be motivated to enhance the immunogenicity of any existing T-cell epitopes (page 28 line 4). It is thus considered that one would have been led to modify the phospholipase immunogens of Grieve et al by applying the T-cell epitope enhancing methodology of Landry et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Saunders, PhD whose telephone number is 571-272-0849. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00a.m to 5:30p.m. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-1600.

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